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a lubricant supply device having an insertion hole formed in an outer periphery side thereof, said lubricant supply device coming in contact with the outer peripheral surface of said screw shaft, such that a portion of said lubricant supply device which contacts the outer peripheral surface of the screw shaft comprises a material including a lubricant;

a retaining ring for retaining said lubricant supply device; and

a projection formed on said retaining ring and disposed so as to be received in the insertion hole.

Please add the following new claim:

Shaw 23. (New) The feed screw device according to claim 17, in which the portion of said lubricant supply device which contacts the outer peripheral surface of the screw shaft comprises a rubber material including the lubricant or a synthetic resin material including the lubricant.